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## FROM CHARLIE PITTMAN.

McConnellsburg Boy For Eight Years a Presbyterian Missionary in Persia.

### NOW IN THROES OF CIVIL WAR

Tabriz, Persia,  
July 24, 1908.

You are, no doubt, interested in the reports of the present troubles in Persia between the Shah and the parliament. Tabriz has been the scene of civil war for over a month. The sound of rifle firing is almost constantly in our ears, day and night. I hear the "oang, bang" now as I write. There are no open battles, but they fight from behind walls, buildings and barricades. There is no immediate danger to the Christian population here, except from stray bullets which come pretty close sometimes. Our buildings have been in range of the firing part of the time, and bullets have been flying over us. One struck our dispensary. We do not go out on the street any more than necessary, but are continuing our preaching services. The greatest danger at present is from bread riots. The shops have been closed for more than a month, there is no work, and food, especially bread, is very scarce. We have many appeals for help from the poor, both Armenians and Moslems, and are doing what little we can. We see no hope of a speedy end, as neither side takes any decisive step. Houses of prominent men on both sides have been looted of everything, even taking out doors and windows. I went with our Consul to see the house of his high chancellor, a prominent man on the side of the parliament. It had, perhaps, 40 rooms in it, and had been looted of everything—store rooms and cellars of all supplies, and the floors covered with broken dishes and glass. I saw about a hundred shops that had been looted.

I returned recently from a tour 168 miles to the south from Tabriz (our field extends 40 miles further), and got back before the troubles began. Perhaps you noticed in the papers that the Farman Farma, recently governor of Tabriz, led an unsuccessful expedition against the Kurds last winter at his own expense. Afterwards he returned to one of his villages near Miandrob. I called on him while in Miandrob. Learning that I was a minister, he invited me to come to his village on Sunday to the Armenian church and preach to his Armenian subjects. Upon inquiry he said he had read some of the New Testament, but had none with him, and if I had one to give him he would be very thankful. I had disposed of all I had with me, but told him I would mail him one from Tabriz. He is the great grandson of Fath Ali Shah, a former king, and brother-in-law of the present Shah.

One Sunday evening in Sain Kalla, my audience consisted of two Kurds, three Persians, and two Jews. After the Kurds left, the Persians tried to get the Jews and me into a discussion, but not succeeding, I proposed that as we represented three different religions each should tell the ground of his hope of the forgiveness of sin. The Jew said they were great sinners, but they kept the fast and observed prayer and gave alms and left it to God whether He would forgive their sins or not. The Moslem said his hope was based on the fact that whoever loved their Prophet would have his sins forgiven through his mediation. The other two did not accept that answer, but said they must obey the Koran, and then confessed they had not done so. I then told of the forgiveness of sin by the atonement of Christ, and they departed without any discussion. After returning to Sain Kalla on my way home, one of the Moslems came and said he had gone home that

## FULTON COUNTY TEACHERS.

A Complete List of the Teachers of This County for the Ensuing Year and the School Each Will Teach.

Ayr—Laurel Ridge, Carrie Humbert; Big Cove Tannery, Alice Hayes; Webster Mills, Katharine Comer; Corner, Harry Bivens; Cito, Ebel Logue; Back Run, Mary Stinger; Jugtown, Irene Truax; Road School, Sophia Hohman; Reck Hill, Rhoda Kendall.

Belfast—Morton's Point, Bessie Morton; Maple Grove, Pearl Garland; Jacob Lake's, Pearl Mellott; Phillip Morgretts, Blanche Smith; Pleasant Grove, Orpha Snyder; Cross Roads, Eva Bedford; Cedar Lane, Ida Lake; Sipes Hill, S. L. Wink; Needmore, Nell Morton.

Bethel—Warfordsburg, Zoe Mason; Black Oak, Katharine Yonker; Chapel, Katharine Kirk; Mount Airy, A. C. Zarlund; Gordons', G. C. Kirk; Alpine, Opal Sharpe; Franklin Mills, S. L. Bernhard.

Brush Creek—Oak Grove, Lillian Wink; Locust Grove, Chester Spade; Emmaville, Ada Barton; Buchanan, Ida Barton; Buffalo, Albert Spade; Akersville, advance—Ernest Walters; Akersville, primary—Lulu Slusher.

Dublin—Burnt Cabins, Lewis Harris; Fort Littleton, A. E. Deshon; Mud Level, Jessie Henry; Clear Ridge, L. P. Morton; Chesnut's, Ebel Naugle; Battle Ridge, Lillian Fleming; Glunt's, Elsie Baker.

Licking Creek—Harrisonville, Maude Deshong; Vallance, Raleigh Lawyer; Saluvia, H. O. Wible; Forest Dale, V. L. Hollenshead; Siloam, Margaret Daniels; Compulsion, Catharine Hoop; Shane's, Mary Mellott; Daniels', C. W. Mellott.

McConnellsburg—High School, Emery Thomas; Grammar, Miss Fannie Greathead; Intermediate, Miss Gertrude Hoke; Primary, Miss Nora Fisher.

Taylor—No. 1, Myrtle Stevens; No. 2, D. K. Chesnut; No. 3, Zaana Laidig; No. 4, Russel Gracey; No. 5, H. P. Barton; No. 6, W. H. Ranck; No. 7, W. G. Wink; No. 8, Bass Fields.

Thompson—Independence, Thos. Truax; Oakdale, Harry Hill; Ditch Run, Nettie Stoutegale; Board Yard, Harvey Sharpe; Bald Eagle, S. L. Simpson; West View, Benj. Keefer; Center, H. W. Wink.

Tod—Summers, Mary Ott; McGovern, C. C. Rotz; Knobsville, Blanche O. Peck; Woodburn, Amos Peightel; Scott's Nellie Barnum.

Union—Zack's Ridge, Lewis Stahler; Fairview—T. R. Shank; Center, E. C. Henderson; Harmonia, G. B. Mellott; Excelsior, Maude Ritz; Barne's Gap, Jessie Geinger.

Wells—Wells Tannery, Advanced, Frank Guillard; Primary, Lillian Burkett; High School, Prof. Morgan; of Lackawanna county; Enid, Murrill Foreman; New Grenada, Grace Lodge.

D. L. Grissinger, James Henry and Harvey L. Sipes were Chambersburg visitors on Thursday last.

evening and read the Gospel of Matthew, and made three objections. One was Christ's teaching on divorce; another was that Christ taught uncleanness by speaking against the washing of hands, and third, he did not believe a voice from heaven ever said "This is my beloved son." We had some discussion, and he went away, but I was glad that our former conversation had, at least, stirred him up to read.

In Maragha, I had the joy of seeing an Armenian, who was a professed skeptic, accept Christ as his Savior and find peace and joy. In another place, Tikan Tappa, I called on the governor of that district, and presented him with a nicely bound New Testament, a tract by Dr. Tisdall entitled "Invitations to Moslems to examine the Christian Scriptures," and a sketch of Dr. Cochran's life—all in Persian. He was very much pleased with them, having known Dr. Cochran, a missionary physician in Urumia, who died a few years ago. He spoke well of our purpose and work and kept me for dinner and sent a horseman to escort me back to Tikan Tappa, about four miles distant, and gave a letter to the head man of the town to show me honor while there and escort me on the road when I left there. I found a good demand for religious literature while on this journey, and believe it is an effective means of enlightening the people in the knowledge of Christ.

Very truly yours,  
CHARLIE PITTMAN.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### ANTHONY LYNCH.

Anthony Lynch, one of Fulton county's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home in Bethel township last Monday, aged 87 years, 10 months and 30 days. Funeral yesterday, and interment at Cedar Grove.

Anthony Lynch was a son of John B. Lynch, of Belfast township, who died several years ago at the advanced age of 92 years. He was a man of strong physical build, and lived in the enjoyment of almost perfect health until recently.

Mr. Lynch was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Carnell, and to this union one child was born, who is now Mrs. Joseph Lowry, of Hyndman, Pa. The second marriage was with Miss Catharine Hull, and to them nine children were born, eight of whom are now living, namely, Frank P., of McConnellsburg; George O. and Charles W., of Crystal Springs, Pa.; John B., of Dubois, Pa.; Riley, on the old home place; Lydia Alice, wife of Geo. F. B. Hill, Nora, widow of the late Elliott H. Akers, of Bethel township, and Scott at home. One brother, John B. Lynch, of Massillon, Ohio, is still living.

The deceased was a consistent member of the M. E. church.

#### SAMUEL KELLY.

Another veteran of the Civil War, and one of McConnellsburg's oldest citizens, died at his home on South First street, in this place, on Tuesday morning, aged 80 years, 9 months, and 27 days.

Mr. Kelly served three periods of enlistment in the U. S. army during the Civil War. The first was three months in 1861; the second, nine months, in 1863, he being a member of Company C, 122nd regiment P. V., and the third period of service was in Company D, 3rd regiment—re-enlisting in 1863.

He was born in Franklin county and came to this county after the war and engaged in the business of wagon making. In 1870 he was married to Miss Mary Ann Bishop, who survives him. Mr. Kelly was a member of the Reformed church, a quiet inoffensive man, and a good citizen. He was also a member of King Post, G. A. R., and one of its charter members.

His funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. C. W. Bryner, and interment will be made in Union cemetery.

#### Reunion of 126th Regiment.

The reunion of the 126th regiment, which is to be held this year at Greencastle, on Friday, August 21, in connection with Old Home Week, bids fair to be a most interesting occasion. The people of Greencastle are preparing to show their welcome to the old soldiers. Such speakers as Justice John Stewart, Rev. Dr. Nichols, former chaplain, Hon. Thad M. Mahon, Colonel Rowe, all of the regiment, are announcing for addressees, besides a march dress parade, camp fire, and music galore by fine bands.

#### Circus Coming.

An old-fashioned circus is heading this way, and will be in McConnellsburg afternoon and evening, Monday, August 31st. Of course, there will be the ring, the trained horses galloping around, the funny clown, the trained animals, and all the other things that so much delight the small boy and his father as well. Street parade at 12 o'clock. Their big advertisement will appear in the "News" next week.

## ELECTRICITY NOT DANGEROUS.

Electricity of the Clouds is Not the Same Kind That is Used in Lighting Your Home.

The havoc wrought by lightning every year is in no small way responsible for the natural fear of electricity. The blinding flashes of the static discharges and the crashing reports of the ominous thunder strike terror to the stoutest hearts, and the fear resulting from the electrical storms contaminates everything electrical. As a result people are afraid of the lightning circuit, the telephone, the trolley wires and of everything which depends upon electricity as a source of power.

The folly of this is apparent to every electrical engineer, but they take little pains to educate the people to the fact that electricity is just as safe as any other kind of power.

In the first place the electricity of the clouds is not the same kind as turns the wheels of the electric cars or makes incandescent the filaments of the electric lamps. Lightning is static electricity—electricity that is not in motion except when it leaps from one overloaded object to another. When a thunder cloud becomes overcharged with static electricity a discharge takes place. The electricity used for heat, power and light is always in motion it cannot be kept quiet. It is generated by magnetic machinery and differs materially from static electricity, which can be generated by friction—by rubbing glass with silk.

There is no reason to be afraid of the ordinary incandescent lightning circuit such as is used in housed illuminated with electricity.

#### An Automobile Decision.

The appellate division of the New York supreme court decides that the owner of an automobile is not necessarily responsible in law for an accident caused by a machine while it is being operated by the chauffeur in the absence of the owner. The majority of the court holds that even if the chauffeur is running the machine for his own pleasure, with the consent of the owner, the latter is not responsible, while in the opinion of the dissenting justices the owner can escape liability only when the chauffeur is using the machine without his employer's permission. In writing the majority opinion Justice Clark lays down the principle that an automobile is not to be classed as a "dangerous instrumentality" any more than a carriage and team of horses. "It may be," he declares, "that it would be wise and in the public interest that responsibility for an accident caused by an automobile should be affixed to the owner thereof, irrespective of the person driving it, but the law does not so provide." All the justices agree that when a chauffeur takes an automobile out without the consent of his employer there is no liability of the latter.

A correspondent of an automobile journal recently lamented the less rigid restrictions which surround chauffeurs in this country as compared with their European brethren. Abroad the qualifications of the chauffeurs, with especial reference to his ability to avoid accidents, are carefully inquired into by the authorities before he is permitted to drive an automobile. The number of accidents caused by chauffeurs out on a lark with their friends is notorious, and the victims of this class of accidents can look for pecuniary recompense only to the chauffeur and not the owner. Justice Clarke's suggestion for an amendment to the law might be worth heeding, unless means can be found to make reckless chauffeurs realize their position.

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## FATAL ACCIDENT.

Boy in Trough Creek Valley. Fell from Load of Oats into Creek Last Week and Had Neck Broken.

### DEATH ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS.

Frank, thirteen-year old son, of Frank Lane, near Cooks Mill, Huntington county came to a most untimely death one evening last week. He was assisting Joseph Martin, a neighbor, to haul in oats. They were just finishing the crop, and it was about eight o'clock in the evening when they were taking the last load to the barn. Between the oats field and the barn is a creek, and in crossing it, Frank who was riding on top of the load, was jostled off. When the driver reached the barn and not seeing Frank, he just concluded that the boy had gone home without having said anything to him about it, and gave the matter no further thought. His parents, of course, expected his return to their home in the evening, and as it grew late and he did not come, they became uneasy and went to Martin's to see why he did not come home. When it was found that the latter did not know anything about him, they all started in search, and most naturally, went back toward the oats field. Imagine their grief, when they came to the creek, to see Frank's lifeless body lying in the water, he having fallen from the wagon unnoticed, and in the fall his neck had been broken causing instantaneous death.

The deceased was a nephew of Rilla Lane, who lives at James Grissinger's near New Grenada.

#### NEEDMORE.

Hot, dry, and dusty. Mrs. Comer and daughters, Blanche and Irene, are spending some time with her daughters, Mrs. Eli and Thompson Peck.

A number of our people attended Crystal Springs Camp Meeting last Sunday.

Chas. Kershner commenced making cider on his new mill last week. He will make cider every day.

The Robinson and Barrett Circus showed in our village last Friday afternoon and night. It was the best show that ever visited Peaceful Valley, or more generally known as Needmore.

Eld. C. L. Funk started last Thursday to attend the Ebenezer and Ketocot Associations at Luray and Trout Royal, Va.

The furniture has been removed from the school-house to the P. O. S. of A. Hall where school will be conducted this term.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Wink and baby Thelma spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Wink's mother Mrs. J. A. Snyder.

The Wrought Iron Range Co., did a large business selling the Home Comfort Range, through this section.

#### Family Gathering.

There was a very congenial party gathered at the home of Mr. George Finiff, sr., in Tod township, on Sunday August 16.

Among those present were Mr. Philip Wherick and wife, of Chambersburg brother of Mrs. Finiff; Mrs. Anna Sargeant, son and daughter, Esther and Lee, of Bloomington, Ill. (Mrs. Sargeant has not been in this county for over 30 years. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finiff.) Mrs. George Wagner of Newville, George Finiff, Jr., P. H. Finiff, of Knobsville, John Heiman and family of near McConnellsburg. The day was very pleasantly spent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Henderson McGowan, who have been visiting Burnt Cabins relatives and friends, spent a few hours in town Monday. Mr. McGowan is connected with the A. M. Turner Lumber Company in Pittsburg, and looks like the world was using him well.

## HAD SUNSTROKE.

Samuel Lauver Fell from Horse While Crossing Stream at Webster Mills Last Thursday.

Last Thursday, Samuel Lauver, son of A. C. Lauver near Webster Mills, took a buggy to the blacksmith shop at Webster Mills for some repairs. When he reached the shop, he unhitched the horse from the buggy, got on the horse, and started across the creek toward home. The day was excessively hot, and when Samuel was about half way across the creek, he suffered a sunstroke and fell from the horse into the water. Mr. J. H. Johnston happened to see him fall and hastened to his relief just in time to save him from drowning, for the head and shoulders of the young man were completely under the water. In falling, Samuel's head struck a stone, cutting a gash in the scalp. Dr. Dalbey was called and put three stitches in the scalp and now the young man is getting along nicely.

#### Must Sign Contracts.

Word was received at the State Capitol of a decision which removes any doubt about the powers of the law in dealing with township supervisors who refuse to sign contracts for reconstruction of roads when petitions have been made. The case arose in Butler county, where the supervisors of Adams township petitioned for the rebuilding of about a mile of road, but when the time came to sign the contract balked at it. Action was brought before Judge Galbraith, who granted a writ of peremptory mandamus against the supervisors requiring them to sign the contract.

Cases have arisen where county commissioners and township supervisors were required to sign contracts after making petitions, but this settles the question whether supervisors can refuse when the time comes to sign.

#### An Enjoyable Outing.

Quite a novel departure from the customary basket picnic was indulged in Tuesday by about thirty of McConnellsburg's young folks. A large quantity of splendid big "roasting ears" and a big iron kettle were secured by the boys and carried to the "Douglery" north of town where the crowd gathered for the feast in the late afternoon. The weather was perfect and as the sun sank behind the high hill back of the creek and sprig and cast its long shadow over the meadow, the spot seemed an ideal one for the occasion. While the gentlemen gathered wood, husked and silked the corn, and put it to boil in the kettle, the ladies made quantities of huge ham sandwiches. When the corn had boiled, the feast began. That all enjoyed it to the utmost was proven by the astonishing rapidity with which the corn and sandwiches disappeared.

After the remains of the feast had been cleared away, a game of town ball was played by the boys, followed by a most interesting game of base ball, in which a number of the girls played against the boys. Much amusement was afforded the onlookers by the misconception placed by the girls on the rules of the game, any rule being made to suit the occasion. Nevertheless, the girls proved that they could pitch, catch, strike, or run remarkably well.

When evening shadows fell and the meadow became damp, the party returned to town decidedly pleased with the success of this novel picnic.

Mr. D. C. Hart a skilled horologist and practical jeweler, who has been with the large Wallens Gift Store people in Camden, N. J., during the last four years, is spending a two weeks' vacation, with relatives and friends in this county.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Miss Era Snyder, of Chambersburg is visiting friends here.

Wm. Harr of Ayr township is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bender.

F. M. Taylor, who is now stationed at Hanover, spent Sabbath with his family in this place.

Rudy Smith who has been living in Mercersburg for some time is visiting friends here.

Mr. Samuel Reese and son Harold, of Burnt Cabins, were in McConnellsburg last Friday.

Ernest Linn, who has been working in New Cumberland, Pa., spent Sunday with his mother in this place.

Miss Minnie McGovern, who has been spending several months at State Line, is now boarding at the Washington House.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Vandylke, of Philadelphia, are visiting the latter's mother and sisters at the Fulton House.

Mrs. J. H. Davis and Miss Mary Sipes near Harrisonville, were registered at the Washington House last Friday.

Isaac and Andy Bohinger, of Taylor, were welcome callers at the News office while in McConnellsburg Tuesday.

Horace N. Sipes, Esq., who has been in Cambria county for some time, is visiting his parents, J. Nelson Sipes and wife, in this place.

Josiah Witter and his granddaughter, Freda Alloway, spent a few hours in town Tuesday, and made the News office a pleasant call.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Muller and daughter, of Philadelphia, spent the past week very pleasantly in the home of Daniel E. Fore, Esq., in Tod township.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Curfman and little son Melvin and Mrs. Curfman's mother, Mrs. Agnes Taylor of Hustontown spent last Thursday at Huntingdon.

Miss Lena Dunlap and sister Mildred, of Shippensburg, are visiting friends here. They will visit Crystal Springs Camp-meeting before they return home.

Miss Mary Knepper, who has a nice position with the Antietam Paper Company at Hagerstown, spent a week with her friend Miss Nora Fisher on East Water street.

Miss Minnie Dalbey, who has a position as stenographer with a firm in Pittsburg, is spending her vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dalbey, in this place.

Mr. Frank Skiles of Pleasant Ridge, accompanied by his mother Mrs. Martha Skiles, and his uncle Dayton Shives, of Hancock, spent, a few hours in town Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Greathead, who has been living in Franklin county for the past six months spent Sunday with his home folks. He was accompanied by two young friends, Chauncey and Samuel Keefer.

Prof. Harry Gress, wife and little daughter Elizabeth, of Juncosville, are spending their vacation with friends here. After the expiration of their vacation, they will go to Lewistown, Pa., where Prof. Gress has a position.

J. W. Gibson, of Wells Tannery, accompanied by his brother-in-law, C. R. Bivens, spent a few hours in town last Saturday. Mr. Bivens is a fire boss in the employ of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and was present at the great explosion of the Darr mines last December, when so many men lost their lives. Had the suggestions of Mr. Bivens been heeded at the time, the disaster might have been averted.